

# Mount Rainier National Park

## Nisqually to Paradise Road Construction Update



### Wayside Notes

The historic Nisqually to Paradise Road is the most common entry to Mount Rainier National Park. Like most roads that you travel, it too, requires maintenance and periodic repairs. Due to adverse winter weather road work must occur during the busy summer season.

*For the remainder of the year the majority of work will occur between Longmire and Paradise.*

The road continually endures impacts from thousands of cars, buses, and RVs. It sustains damage from freezing, thawing, and rain. The road is also impacted by fallen trees and river erosion.

Improvements to the road will preserve its integrity as a popular and historic scenic drive and provide continued safe access for years to come.

### Just the Facts:

“‘It looks just like Paradise!’ Martha Longmire exclaimed in 1885, during her first visit to the lush subalpine parkland... Word quickly spread and by 1896, twice weekly runs of a four-horse stage brought visitors to Paradise. In 1898, John Reese established his ‘Camp of the Clouds,’... The opening of Ricksecker’s road to the public that year ushered in the automobile era. In 1917, Paradise Inn opened its doors...”

-Excerpt from: *A Traveler’s Companion to Mount Rainier National Park* by Robert Steelquist

### What to Expect

- **Work** this week will be concentrated at roadside utility vaults and may involve some temporary lane closures. *Expect flaggers and delays.*
- **Power outages** may occur at Longmire and Paradise weekdays October 9 - 30.
- **Know Before You Go.** Expect delays during daylight hours, Monday through Friday. *Currently no work is scheduled for Saturday or Sunday.*
- **Be Prepared.** *Total construction delays should not exceed 30 minutes between Longmire and Paradise.*
- **No Idling.** Please be considerate of the air quality and turn off your vehicle when stopped at construction.
- **Plan Ahead.** Restroom facilities are located at Kautz Creek, Longmire, Narada Falls, and Paradise.

### For more information go to:

<http://www.nps.gov/mora/parkmgmt/nisqually-paradise-road.htm>

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